

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Minutes of Meeting May 12, 2005

Attendance

Members Present:

Morris Dunlap, Chair
Harold Warner, Vice-Chair
James Barfield
Darrell Downing
Frank Garofalo
Bud Hentzen
Ronald Marnell
John McKay
M.S. Mitchell
Denise Sherman
Clark Nelson
James (Jim) Singletary
Jay Banasiak

Members Absent:

Bill Johnson
Elizabeth Bishop
James Ford
Gary K. Gibbs
Bruce Armstrong
Chris Herrick *Ex Officio Member*

Others Attending:

John Schlegel, Director, MAPD
Jamsheed Mehta, Transportation Planning Manager, MAPD
Nancy Harvieux, MAPD
Bhupendra Patel, MAPD
Aprajet Desai, MAPD
Purab Adabala, M APD
Aruna Reddi, MAPD
Srikanth Yamala, MAPD
Margie Norton, MPO Transportation Planner, KDOT

1. Call meeting to order – Chairman, WAMPO.

The meeting was called to order by Harold Warner Jr., Vice-Chair of the Metropolitan Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, in the Planning Department Conference Room, 10th floor, City Hall, 455 N Main, Wichita KS.

2. Approval of Minutes of the April 14, 2005 meeting.

This item was presented after Item 3 due to a lack of quorum.

Once a quorum was present, Mr. Warner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes were approved as presented.

ACTION: Mr. Marnell motioned to approve the April 14th 2005 Minutes. Mr. Warren 2nd the motion. Motion carried (10-0).

3. Status report on Intelligent Transportation System/Regional Architecture (ITS/RA) Volumes 2 and 3; presentation by Jeff Brummond, ITERIS (Consultants).

Mr. Mehta, planning staff, presented a Power Point presentation on the ITS/RA. He advised the first volume of the document was adopted on April 14, 2005. He further stated that a public comment and review period was currently running and is scheduled to close on May 25, 2005. Mr. Mehta presented an overview of the various volumes of the document explaining that Volume 1 is specific to the Architecture information flows, Volume(s) 2 deals with the implantations and Volume(s) 3 relates to how the communication flow works and identifies those communication needs. The ITS/RA is a blueprint of how the transportation systems will be identified and interconnected so that planning and deployment of ITS can take place in an organized and coordinated fashion. Mr. Mehta advised staff will return to the WAMPO for final review and adoption on May 26, 2005. He then turned the presentation over to Mr. Brummond, ITERIS.

Mr. Jeff Brummond, ITERIS Consultant presented an overview of organizations involved, the sharing and exchange of information, how to identify areas of improvements, and the process for changes. He explained the purpose of the study was to identify the ITS user services appropriate for the Wichita region and to develop a strategic deployment plan to provide these users services. At this point an overview was presented of the proposed volumes, including projects in the near, medium and long-term. Mr. Brummond advised the document includes 25 projects over all time frames. Mr. Brummond summarized the intent of the program is assurance that there will not be a duplication of efforts, but instead a coordinated program between communities resulting in smooth communication infrastructure coordinated from the beginning.

Mr. Mehta, provided follow-up after Mr. Brummond, asking if the Policy Body had any questions for Mr. Brummond or staff.

Mr. Banasiak asked if there is a project request for an ITS Project does it have to conform to this document and who will maintain the document?

Mr. Mehta stated it must conform to the adopted ITS/RA document. He further stated that the document can be revised as needed and if so, would require Policy Body adoption. Mr. Mehta advised the document will be maintained by the MAPD staff.

ACTION: No action required.

Mr. Warren advised the members that there was now a quorum (1:38 p.m.) and recommended approval of the minutes (See Item 2).

4. Status report on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update; presentation by Jamsheed Mehta.

Mr. Mehta provided an overview of the Alternatives Analysis Using the Travel Demand Model. He advised the members the Model is used to identify congestion areas. The Modeling exercise will look at various scenarios. This activity will be ongoing.

Mr. Mehta presented the updated listing of the Results from the Round 1 Public Meeting and Stakeholders Interviews. The members had reviewed the bulk of the comments at a previous meeting. It was suggested the members review the full listing and comment.

Mr. Mehta presented the Potential Goals and Objectives for the 2030 (LRTP) Long Range Transportation Plan that reflects changes from suggestions and comments staff has received

Mr. Mehta advised the members the final round of public meetings to present the LRTP will be on July 19th at the Sedgwick County Office Extension and July 20th at the Wichita State University Metro Complex. As with all meetings, Wichita Transit is providing transportation for after service hours to ensure that the public will have transportation home. The comment Period is scheduled to run from July 14th to August 4th. The Plan is tentatively scheduled for a Public Hearing and adoption on August 11th. He advised the members that if there are significant changes to the plan the approval date will be shifted back approximately 2-weeks.

ACTION: No action required.

5. Nomination of a representative to serve on the Wichita-Sedgwick County Air Quality Task Force.

Mr. Warner opened the floor for discussion and selection of volunteers.

Mr. Mehta gave a summary of why a Task Force is needed, stating that we were close to being in the non-attainment category for ozone one of the pollutants that was being monitored. We have been asked to establish a Task Force Committee to explore options to ensure that we continue to stay in the attainment category. If we go to non-attainment federal funding will be affected. Therefore it is necessary that whatever actions are generated from this process, the MPO be involved.

Mr. Warren asked if the Task Force makes recommendations to the Policy Body and do they have any authority?

Mr. Mehta answered they do not have any authority. He advised the Task Force can be compared to a think tank of people initiating volunteering actions and holding workshops. It provides information for Communities to take the opportunity to make change at the public level demonstrating to citizens that they can make a difference.

ACTION: Mr. Marnell motioned to nominate Ms. Bishop as the WAMPO representative to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Air Quality Task Force Volunteer Committee. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. Mr. Dunlap motioned that nominations cease. Motion carried (13-0)

6. Other items.

There was no other business presented.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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I, John L. Schlegel, Director of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Organization, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, held on _____, is a true and correct copy of the minutes officially approved by the Policy Body.

Given under my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, 2005.

John L. Schlegel, Director
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan
Area Planning Department

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